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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, has issued the Decision Record (DR) for the final environmental assessment (EA) for the *McCoy II Geothermal Exploration Project NVN-88129, DOI-BLM-C010-2011-0514-EA* proposed by Magma Energy (U.S.) Corporation (Magma). The decision is for the BLM to implement the Proposed Action alternative (EA pages 5-6).

The EA analyzed potential impacts on the natural and human environment that could result from implementation of the geothermal exploration and testing project on federal lands. The primary objective of the project is to further evaluate the characteristics of the geothermal resources in the McCoy II Project area. The proposed activities include:

- Constructing new access roads,
- Upgrading existing access roads,
- Constructing up to 19 well pads,
- Drilling and completing slim wells and/or exploration wells,
- Flow testing exploration wells to determine commercial potential,

The EA was made available for a 30-day public review/comment period. The BLM received comments from one public organization, State departments and two federal agencies. All comments received were reviewed, considered and responded to by the BLM Carson City District Office (CCDO). Additional analysis, environmental data and explanations have been included in the Final EA in response to public review and comments received.

A determination has been made that implementation of the Proposed Action would not result in “significant environmental impacts,” to the natural and human environment, therefore a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared separately to document that determination, and a Decision Record has been issued providing the rationale for approving The Proposed Action Alternative. The final EA, FONSI and DR are available at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa/nepa_archives.html

If you have any questions on the Final EA, FONSI and Decision Record please contact Carla James, Assistant Field Manager, BLM Stillwater Field Office, Carson City District at: (775) 885-6131.

Sincerely,

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